



this type of endoscope. Alternatively, a TV camera-mounted soft endoscope, which is a soft endoscope having the TV camera mounted thereon, or an electronic endoscope having a CCD incorporated in a distal part of an insertion unit thereof will do.

Sixth Embodiment:

An endoscopic imaging system of this embodiment comprises, as shown in Fig. 21, a camera head 202 to be mounted on, for example, a rigid endoscope 201 for surgery, and a camera control unit (hereinafter a CCU) 203 for processing a video signal representing an object image projected by the camera head 202. A signal cable 204 is extending from the camera head 202. The camera head 202 is connected to the CCU 203 via a connector 205 attached to an end of the signal cable 204. A card slot 206 is formed in a lateral side of the CCU 203. A memory card 207 in which set data or the like that will be described later is stored can be inserted into the card slot 206.

A plurality of endoscopes can be, as shown in Fig. 22, connected to the camera head 202. For example, a small-diameter scope 201a employed in the field of urology or the like, a large-diameter scope 201b used as a laparoscope or the like, and any other endoscope having different specifications can be alternately mounted for use.

